## Hugh S. Gibson Dies at Geneva; CPYRGHT Veteran Diplomat, Relief Aide ver was chairman. In the eight months between the end of the

Foreign Service Officer 30 Years, 71, Led Committee on European Migration

By The Associated Press.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 12 -Hugh S. Gibson, retired United States diplomat and director of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, died this morning at the age of 71.

The veteran diplomat, who had served the United States at many posts throughout the world and had represented his country at dozens of international conferences, succumbed to a heart attack at about 9 o'clock at his home outside Geneva.

Mr. Gibson's son, Michael, who was on a visit to Paris, returned

Although suffering from broken bone in his foot and able to move about only in a wheelchair, Mr. Gibson had presided at the principal sessions of his committee's semi-annual meeting ten days ago. He told the open-which this training could be ning session of the twenty-four-useful. nation group that European political and economic stability for in Los Angeles on Aug. 16, 1883. the next ten years could be as-sured only through the emigra-and Mary Simons Gibson. His tion of 5.000,000 Europeans.

His name first became known ice was that of secretary at the ment Conference.

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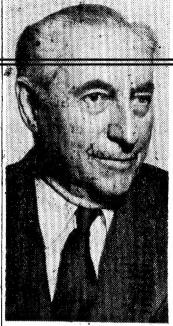
Brussels, Belgium, he took part . From 1911 to 1913, he was Gibson was Ambassador to Braforts to save the life of Miss d'affaires there; was the center tive on a mediation group that Edith Cavell, a 50-year-old Brit-Gibson had been called upon to war between Bolivia and Paraz the Germans for acts inimical to between Cuban and American in units of the served as the United States representative on a mediation group that ended the seven-year-old Chaco ish nurse who had been shot by adjudicate a commercial matter guay. the Germans for acts inimical to between Cuban and American in Mr. Gibson retired from the their invading army early interests. Enrique Maza, a Cuban Foreign Service in 1938. His long

during Miss Cavell's last hours Cuba and sought out Mr. Gibson Mr. Gibson and the Spanish Min and struck him in the face. ister, the Marquis de Villalobar, to avoid action in the matter, sought in vain to convince Baron but the United States insisted you der Lancken, the German von der Lancken, the German upon the punishment of Maza, political officer in Belgium, that who served twenty months in the shooting of Miss Cavell would prison.

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War I an Applicated as Clark 12 and 12 cell and granddaughter of the severified with Herbert Hoover in inter-tain European countries. He Earl of Abingdon of England.

national relief work, and many of served as director general of this Mrs. Gibson dief on March 19, organization, of which Mr. Hoo- 1950



Hugh S. Gibson

Hugh Simons Gibson was born cashier.

During forty-six years in inter-liminary education from private national affairs, Mr. Gibson reptutors and completed courses in resented the United States on the Ecole Libre des Sciences many important and dramatic Politiques in Paris in 1907. His Geneva two years later as act-occasions.

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newspaper reporter, said that he believed Mr. Gibson's decision in On the night of Oct. 12, 1915 this matter had been an insult to

give the British a mighty propal After service in Belgium and ganda lever. It was a warning at other posts, during World that proved well-founded.

War I, Mr. Gibson became first From this time until his death secretary to the United States.

We Gibson held many and varied Embassy in Paris toward the Mr. Gibson held many and varied Embassy in Paris toward the form, posts in the United States diplo-close of the war. He left this In 1922, Mr. Gibson married mati- service and with organiza-post in 1918 when Congress aptions having a semi-official gov-propriated \$100,000,000 to establish the American Relief Admin Dataset appeared in Book Mr. Gibson married Maj. Nicholas Reyntiens, a daughter of Maj. Nicholas Reyntiens of the

fighting and the signing of the final treaty of peace, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hoover had distributed nearly 5,000,000 tons of food-

In addition to his duties with Mr. Hoover, Mr. Gibson served on an inter-Allied commission that

report on the condition of the war-ravaged Balkans.

In 1919 Mr. Gibson was appointed Minister to Poland, a post that called for more relief administration work than diplomacy during the formative years of the

new republic. From 1924 to 1927 Mr. Gibson was Minister to Switzerland, then a key post because of the presence in Geneva of the headquarters of the League of Nations. In this capacity Mr. Gibson served with several delegations studying international disarmament. He was chairman of the American delegation to the meeting of the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament at Geneva in 1927

In this and other similar duties Mr. Gibson took a lead in movements to reduce armaments, but these efforts for the most part were not entirely successful. In that same year he was chairman of the United States delegation the Conference for Limitation Naval Rearmament, which had wider, if more controversial, esults.

He returned to Belgium as Ambassador in 1927. He held this position until 1923 and was returned to it by President Frankfather was a Scottish-born bank lin D. Roosevel tin 1937. He reired from the post the next year.

Early in his tenure as Ambassador to Belgium, he was a delegate to the London Naval Conference in 1930 and returned to

with Brand Whitlock, United secretary at the legation in Hazil. While in this post, he served States Minister, and others in effecting as charge as the United States representa-

experience in relief work later resuited in his appointment to the Migration committee. Until his death, he directed the work of the semi-official organization, which seeks to develop opportunities for immigrants from Europe to go to places where they can make solid contributions to modern life.

Mr. Gibson was the author of a number of books on international affairs. On several occasions he collaborated with Mr. Hoover in serialized magazine articles, which later appeared in book

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